

I am Gregg Marchand from Willimantic and I oppose H.B. No. 6674 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ENGAGING AN OFFICER IN PURSUIT. The reason I oppose this because there is certain criteria where an immediate stop is not possible. Such as if a person whether it's an older gentleman or a pretty young lady or anybody in between all of a sudden is being followed by what seems to be a police cruiser. The first thought is pull over. But it's night time and the driver is skeptical thinking is this really the police behind me? So for safety's sake the driver wants to pull over but in a public place. If this was to happen the driver will be charged with engaging an officer in pursuit? This being the case all police cruisers must have video cameras. This camera will show and prove accountability for the driver and the officer. Even though the driver does pull over the officer should get on the intercom and identify himself and then tell the driver to go to the nearest public property such as a 24 hour gas station.. etc. We all know police are here to protect and serve not to scare and instigate the situation. Besides police do have a strenuous job and some maybe on drugs therefore no one knows how a routine stop may turn out. After all police are not randomly drug tested therefore a reaction from an officer during a pull over may not be properly done on the ground of the officer maybe on drugs or the anabolic steroid.

In a road block scenario to me is ridiculous on the grounds of the road block is unconstitutional in the first place. it reminds me of nazi Germany days where the gestapo will yell 'halt netz sehen dein papiere, in English stop let me see your papers.

Lawmakers are responsible to represent us as Connecticut citizens yet you pass laws that are violating our Civil Liberties. I would think any aspect of a new law that tramples our Civil Liberties and/or any part of our U.S. Constitution would be automatically be denied on the grounds of the idea being unconstitutional. I tell you something stinks in Connecticut and it's fascist ideas that become law.

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